

COFFEE MEN FIGHT

ARBUCKLES CARRY THE SUGAR TRUST WAR INTO COURT.

Want a Receiver for the Woolson Spice Company and Ask That Those Responsible for the Cut in Coffee Prices be Forced to Make Good the Loss—Union Pacific Foreclosure—Produce Shippers Plot Vendetta in Chicago—Lake Carriers Hold a Session—Paper Manufacturers Will Try Again.

Toledo, O., Jan. 13.—The Arbuckle today applied for an injunction against the Woolson Spice company's plant. They also asked that the company be enjoined from registering the sale of 1,793 shares of stock and that the company be further restrained from selling coffee at the present price. The Arbuckle is asking that the present directors be stricken from the company's books until the matter is determined by the courts. The motion for a receiver will be argued Friday.

In their petition, the minority (Arbuckle) stockholders make the remarkable statement that finding the coffee business to be making little or no profit they decided to enter into the business of refining sugar and that for such purpose they constructed a plant in Brooklyn. The Sugar Trust thereupon entered into an arrangement to purchase the Woolson Spice company with the intention of destroying the business of the firm of Arbuckle Bros. and also to effect a monopoly of the sugar business. The court is asked to require the trust and the Woolson directors to pay into the Woolson Spice company's treasury any loss that may have accrued by the recent cut in coffee.

New York, Jan. 13.—President Havemeyer of the American Sugar Refining company was questioned by a representative of the Associated Press today in regard to the reported action of the Arbuckle interests for a receiver of the Woolson Spice company. He said it was his belief that the receiver would not be appointed. "The selling of the stock on the exchange in the last hour was on the report of the application."

PACIFIC ROADS FORFEITURE. Chicago, Jan. 13.—The Post's Washington special says: It is understood that the president is waiting definite and specific overtures from the Union Pacific re-organization committee before issuing the proclamation to initiate forfeiture proceedings against the roads. The committee gave informal notice some time ago that it was prepared to guarantee that a price would be paid for the Union Pacific system equal to several million dollars more than the principal of the subsidy bonds. No such assurances were received from Huntington, however, as to the Central Pacific, but it is now said that he is anxious to come into line about the same terms as the Union Pacific. Whether he does or not is said to be a matter of indifference to the Vanderbilts and others associated with the Union Pacific bondholders who at the proper time be prepared to step into his shoes and bid for the Central Pacific.

SUGAR TRUST DIRECTORS. New York, Jan. 13.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the American Sugar Refining company, Messrs. H. O. Havemeyer, F. C. Huntington and M. R. Dick were elected directors without opposition. No report was given out and no other important business was transacted. The vote cast was 50,151 shares, over two-thirds of the shareholders.

TENNESSEE COAL AND IRON. New York, Jan. 13.—At a special meeting held today the directors of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company elected Colonel George H. McGee to succeed late John H. Imman, and O. H. Paine to succeed J. Edward Simmons.

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CARLOAD SHIPPERS KICK. Chicago, Jan. 13.—Butter, eggs and poultry men from eleven states, behind closed doors, representatives of the National Association of Carload Shippers, met at the Palmer Hotel today. President A. W. Johnson called the meeting to order. It was the purpose to determine what action would be taken in regard to the Central freight association. The latter concluded a two day session today and if favorable action were not taken by the freight men, the association threatened to obtain vengeance, the special plan being that the freight association grant to carload shippers a reduction of the freight rates in Illinois from 3 to 2 cents per mile. The board decided against the petitioners. Commissioners W. S. Carr of Illinois and J. H. Thompson of Chicago then tendered their resignations to Governor Tanner.

LAKE CARRIERS RESOLVE. Detroit, Mich., Jan. 13.—The lake carriers today adopted a resolution thanking the postoffice department for the floating marine postoffice service, which has delivered and received mail for vessels passing through the Detroit river the past two seasons. The resolution recommends the establishment of a similar service at the Soo. Later a motion to reconsider these resolutions was lost. The motion to reconsider was on the ground that those endorsing any particular institution had always been avoided by one which yielded itself upon winning its own business. Captain William Hubbard, and Southern Illinois shippers, for a reduction of railroad passenger rates in Illinois from 3 to 2 cents per mile. The board decided against the petitioners. Commissioners W. S. Carr of Illinois and J. H. Thompson of Chicago then tendered their resignations to Governor Tanner.

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Chicago, Jan. 13.—Dispatches received from numerous towns in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Iowa, Northern Illinois, and the Black Hills, S. D., show that heavy snowstorms raged in these states yesterday and last night, and many places reported it still snowing this morning. In Missouri it later turned into rain, freezing in the western portion of the state as it fell. Many places reported street car travel and traffic seriously delayed and in some towns blocked altogether on account of the snow being so wet and heavy. Burlington, Council Bluffs and Des Moines, Ia., make later reports. Railway companies report that trains are more or less behind time. If the storm keeps up it is feared that much damage will result to telephone and telegraph wires.

LEADY'S FIRST OFFICIAL ACT. Topeka, Kan., Jan. 13.—The first official act of Governor Leady was to order a reward of \$200 last night for the apprehension and conviction of James Brown, a